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GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. )  
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Application for Certificates of Service Authority )  
to provide facilities-based and resold local )  
exchange telecommunications services within )  
the State of Illinois pursuant to Sections )  
13-404 and 13-405 of the Public Utilities Act. )

Docket No.

00-0215

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**APPLICATION**

NOW COMES, GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC., by its attorneys, Troy A. Fodor and E. M. Fulton, Jr. of the law firm of Troy A. Fodor, P.C., and respectfully requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") grant it Certificates of Service Authority authorizing it to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services within and throughout the State of Illinois pursuant to Sections 13-404 and 13-405 of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Law of 1985 (the "Act"), and in support thereof states as follows:

1. GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is a corporation organized under and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois and is in good standing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

2. Copies of notices and other communications related to this Application should be sent to GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. and to the undersigned counsel at the addresses shown below:

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3. GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is not yet a telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 13-202 of the Act, but seeks by this Application to become such.

4. GRAFTONTECHNOLOGIES, INC. is an internet provider and presently provides internet services within a portion of the State of Illinois.

5. GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is affiliated with Grafton Telephone Company which is an incumbent local exchange telecommunications provider and Grafton Long Distance Company which is an interexchange telecommunications provider. These three companies share a common parent company, Grafton Communications, Inc.

6. GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. has the requisite financial, technical and managerial ability to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services. The management team and the employees of the combined Grafton Communications, Inc. team will provide managerial, operational and technical support to GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. for the provision of facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange telecommunications services. To the extent necessary, Grafton Communications, Inc. will provide any additional financial resources necessary for the provision of facilities-based and local exchange telecommunications services by GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

7. GRAFTONTECHNOLOGIES, INC. seeks by this Application to obtain state-wide authority to provide facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services.

8. The grant of Certificates to GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. would be consistent with the legislative policy stated in Section 13-103 of the Act. Approval of this Application by the Commission will further competition of telecommunications services and will thereby be a benefit to Illinois consumers by enhancing competition in a competitive field.

9. The Commission has previously granted Certificates of Exchange Service Authority and Certificates of Service Authority for facilities-based and resold competitive local exchange service on a state-wide basis.

10. GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. recognizes that even though certificates for state-wide authority are being requested herein it may be required to request and obtain additional authority from this Commission before providing service in areas served by a rural telephone company pursuant to the requirements of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

11. In connection with the grant of the Certificates requested herein, GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. seeks a waiver of or variance from Part 710 and Section 735.180 of Part 735 of Title 83 of the Illinois Administrative Code with respect to its local exchange services. Such waivers and variances will reduce the economic burdens of regulation and will not be inconsistent with the law or the purposes or policy of the Universal Telephone Service Protection Law of 1985. The Commission has granted such waivers for other applicants previously.

WHEREFORE, GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. prays that the Commission enter an Order granting it a Certificate of Exchange Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-405 of the Act and a Certificate of Service Authority pursuant to Section 13-404 of the Act which together will authorize GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC. to provide competitive facilities-based and resold local exchange telecommunications services within and throughout the State of Illinois and enter

an order waiving or finding inapplicable the requested Parts of Title 83 of the Illinois Administrative Code and granting such other relief as the Commission deems just.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

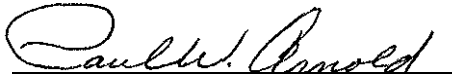
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One of Its Attorneys

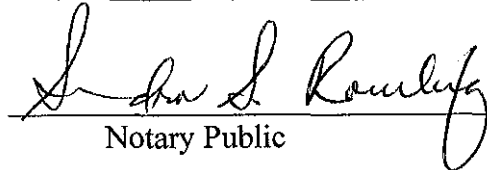
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The undersigned, Paul W. Arnold, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that he is the President of GRAFTON TECHNOLOGIES, INC., that he has read the foregoing APPLICATION and that the contents thereof are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

  
Paul W. Arnold

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before  
me this 3rd day of March, 2000.

  
Notary Public

